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Application No.: 23, 2004	)	Examiner: Unassigned
For: ASTAXANTHIN MEDIUM-CHAIN	)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
FATTY ACID ESTER, PRODUCTION	)	
METHOD OF THE SAME, AND	)	
COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE	)	
SAME	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly amend  
the application as follows.